For:

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 97,022-N2)

In re Application of: Ghosh, et al.

Serial No.: 09/716,732

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A System for Cell-Based Screening

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Examiner: Cook, L.

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR 1-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Examiner Cook:

Applicant requests a 1-month extension of time to respond to the Official Action dated July 31, 2001. The response is now due on December 31, 2001. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 2-Month Extension Fee of \$55.00 to our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

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Respectfully submitted,

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